

In the Official Action, claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,361,134). The Examiner asserted that Hu et al. teach a stand-alone printing apparatus for transferring one or more digital photographs captured by an external camera to a printable medium, the printing apparatus comprising an input member for receiving one or more digital photographs from a source; image processing system for generating an image corresponding to each digital photograph; an integrated user interface for selecting the photograph to be transferred to the printable medium; a print control for producing on the printable medium a pattern associated with the printing page, wherein the user interface is dynamically expandable. The Examiner asserted that the image processing system is dynamically expandable in functionality through the utilization of one or more plug-in modules, and comprises at least one drive for receiving a computer-readable medium comprising instructions for dynamically expanding the user interface, or comprising one or more plug-in modules. The Examiner asserted the plug-in modules comprise a sequence of instructions. However, as will be set forth in detail below, it is submitted that the stand-alone printing apparatus and photoprinter defined by claims 1-9 are not anticipated by Hu et al. Accordingly, this rejection is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As defined by claim 1, the present invention is directed to stand-alone printing apparatus for transferring one or more digital photographs captured by an external digital camera to a printable medium. The printing apparatus comprises: an input member for receiving one or more digital photographs recorded on computer-readable memory associated with the external digital camera; an image processing system for generating an image corresponding to each digital photograph; an integrated user interface for selecting the one or more digital photographs to be transferred to the printable medium; and a print control for producing on the printable medium a pixel pattern associated with the digital photographs, wherein the user interface is dynamically expandable and further wherein the printing